

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for helping a user to locate new information displayed in a window on a display in a graphical user interface (GUI) environment after scrolling the window by providing visual clues distinguishing processed information, that is, information also displayed in the window before scrolling, and not processed information, that is, information not displayed in the window before scrolling. Said visual clues are displayed temporarily and are disabled after a predetermined amount of time. According to preferred embodiments the temporary visual clues are implemented via visual de-emphasis of processed information, visual emphasis of not processed information, employing dynamic borders, and employing marginal markers to avoid user distraction from his or her main task. A user can customize the usage of the visual clues by setting relevant parameters.